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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I represent District 35 in the Nebraska State Senate, representing much of the city of Grand Island where my family and I call home. Having grown from humble beginnings on my family's farm, I've endeavored to serve as a strong voice for the working families of Nebraska.

I write to ask the FCC to honor a request made by Charter Communications to end two restrictive merger conditions on them, including prohibiting data caps/usage-based pricing and requiring settlement-free interconnection. This is a reasonable request given the circumstances the FCC outlined in the merger in 2016. The FCC outlined the potential of sunsetting these two conditions if the streaming video service marketplace demonstrated noticeable growth and there was apparent competition. Now that we've seen this marketplace grow leaps and bounds from where it was four years ago, these conditions can rightfully expire in May of 2021 as the FCC laid out.

I fully support a level playing field for Charter so it can operate the same as all other providers and continue to deliver critical services to American businesses and families. In addition, I was pleased to see Charter announce that over the next two years it will raise its minimum wage for all employees. Charter's efforts to invest in its employees and communities across the country – especially through workforce and educational programs – showcases its positive efforts to be an exemplary corporate citizen.

As I continue striving to be a voice for working families, I urge the FCC to lift the two merger conditions on Charter, which is timely and fair considering the original context and intent of the conditions.

Sincerely,

State Senator Dan Quick

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